



# Syrian International Rally 2008

5-7 June 2008



## ***SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS***

**FIA Middle East Rally Championship 2008  
ROUND Three**

**Organised By  
Syrian Automobile Club**



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## **Introduction**

The rally will be run in compliance with the International Sporting Code (and its appendices), the General Prescriptions applicable to all FIA Rally Championships, the regulations for the Middle East Rally Championship (FIA MERC), the national sporting regulations that comply with the FIA regulations and this Supplementary Regulations (SR).

Changes to these Supplementary Regulations will be announced to all entrants by numbered and dated Bulletins (issued by the Organiser or the Stewards). Additional information to specific articles in these Supplementary Regulations will be published in Rally Guide (RG).

## Programme

### - Opening date for entries

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008

### - Closing date for entries

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008

- Entries close at reduced fees.

- Entries close.

### - Publication of the Final Entry List

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2008

### - Closing date for co-driver details

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at Administrative checks.

### - Registration for Reconnaissance, collection of time cards and fitting of GPS tracking units.

Location: Rally Office at Rally HQ, Sheraton Ma'aret, Saydnaya

Time: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 at 16.00 – 19.00

### - Dates and times of issuing the road books

Location: Rally Office at Rally HQ, Sheraton Ma'aret, Saydnaya

Time: Leg 1 Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 at 19.00

Leg 2 Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at Administrative checks

### - Dates and times of Reconnaissance

Leg 1 Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 as per time table issued with Rally Guide

Leg 2 Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 as per time table issued with Rally Guide

### - Media Centre and media accreditation

Location: Rally HQ, Sheraton Ma'aret, Saydnaya

Time: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at 10.00 - Media Centre opens.

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 22.00 - Media Centre closes at the end of Rally.

### - Shakedown

There will be no Shakedown at this rally.

### - Collection of material and documents

All documents and material will be distributed during the Administrative Check.

### - Place and time for administrative checks.

Location: Rally Office at Rally HQ, Saydnaya

Time: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at 18.00 – 21.00 according to time table issued in RG under penalty of a US\$ 500. - Fine.

### - Scrutineering, sealing and marking

Location: Nissan maintenance centre, Harasta Road (details in RG)

Time: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 07.00 – 13.00 according to timetable issued at Administrative checks.

### - First Stewards' meeting

Location: Rally HQ, Sheraton Ma'aret, Saydnaya Amreet Room (B) Floor

Time: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 15.00

### - Pre-event press conference

Location: Swimming pool area, Rally HQ, Sheraton Ma'aret, Saydnaya

Time: Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 21.15

### - Publication of start list for Leg 1

Location: Official Notice Board, Rally Office

Time: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 21.00

**- Publication of start list for Leg 2**

Location: Official Notice Board Rally Office

Time: Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 21.00

**- Official & Ceremonial Start of the Rally**

Location: Al-Jahez Garden Sq. Abu Roumaneh, Damascus

Time: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 18.00

**- Prize giving**

Location: Finish Podium, Rally HQ, Sheraton Ma'aret, Saydnaya

Time: Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 16.30

**- Final scrutineering**

Location: Rally HQ, Saydnaya

Time: Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 17.30

**- Date and time for the End-of-Rally press conference**

Location: Swimming pool area Rally HQ, Sheraton Ma'aret, Saydnaya

Time: Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 18.00

**- Publication of Provisional Final Classification**

Location: Official Notice Board at Rally HQ

Time: Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 20.00

## 2. Description and Organization

- 2.1 Place and date of the event:  
**Syrian International Rally 2008** will be held in Ma'aret Saydnaya, Syria.  
 From the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>/June/2008.

- 2.2 **FIA titles for which the rally counts**  
 2008 FIA Middle-East Rally Championship for Drivers  
 2008 FIA Middle-East Rally Championship for Co-drivers  
 2008 FIA Middle-East Rally Championship for group N cup

2.3 **Visa numbers – FIA and ASN**

- |     |                |          |                  |
|-----|----------------|----------|------------------|
| 2.4 | FIA - Visa No: | 3MERC    | Dated: 4/3/2008  |
|     | ASN – Visa No: | SIR 2/08 | Dated: 30/1/2008 |

2.5 **Location of Rally HQ**

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008:  
 Syrian Automobile Club, Rue 29<sup>th</sup> Mai, Damascus, Syria.  
 Tel: +963 11 2323706  
 Fax: +963 11 2312785

**Ps. the official notice board is located by the entrance**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008:  
 Sheraton Ma'aret Hotel, Saydnaya, Syria.  
 Tel: +963 11 595 8018  
 Fax: +963 11 595 8019.

**PS. The official notice board will be located in the lobby of the rally HQ**

2.6 **Location of Start and Finish**

Official Start: AlJahez Sq., Abu Roumaneh, Damascus  
 Finish: Sheraton Ma'aret Hotel, Saydnaya.

- 2.7 Location of parc fermé for leg 1 :** Ma'aret Saydnaya (map will be provided in RG)  
**Location of parc fermé for leg 2:** Sheraton Ma'aret Saydnaya Hotel.
- 2.8 Location of Service Park**  
 Dair Ateyah. (Map will be provided in RG)
- 2.9 Location of Media Center**  
 Sheraton Ma'aret Hotel, Saydnaya.
- 2.10 Road surface**  
 The surface of all special stages is mostly hard gravel.
- 2.11** Organiser's name  
**Syrian Automobile Club.**
- 2.12 Address and contact details**  
 Syrian Automobile Club  
 Rue 29 Mai, Damascus.  
 P.O. Box 3364, Damascus  
Syria  
 Tel: +963 11 232 3706  
 FAX: +963 11 231 2785  
 E-mail: [sport@syrianautomobileclub.com](mailto:sport@syrianautomobileclub.com)  
 Website: [www.syrianrally.com](http://www.syrianrally.com) ; [www.syrianautomobileclub.com](http://www.syrianautomobileclub.com)
- 2.13 Organising committee**
- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Walid Shaban (Chairman)                          | Derek Ledger (Consultant) |
| Hani Shaban (Deputy Chairman)                    |                           |
| Khaled Atassi (Asst. Chairman)                   |                           |
| Hani Shaban (Rally Director/Clerk of the Course) |                           |
| Fadi Dib   | Loutfi Estwani            |
| Sari Mahli                                       | Mazen Morad               |
| Moh. Tinawi                                      | Saleem Hammami,           |
|  | Raed Sulaibi              |
|  | Samer Khodor              |
- 2.14 Stewards of the meeting**
- |                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Elie Semaan                | (FIA) Chairman |
| Waled Mihyar               | (FIA)          |
| Walid Shaban               | (ASN)          |
| Secretary of the Stewards: | Soura AlJoundi |
- 2.15 Observers and delegates**
- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Jan Sandstrom    | FIA Observer           |
| George Papadakis | FIA Technical Delegate |
- 2.16 Senior officials**
- |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Rally Director/Clerk of the Course: | Hani Shaban       |
| Route Mgr./Asst C.O.C.              | Khaled Atassi     |
| Government Relations:               | Yasser Naddaf     |
| Rally Secretary                     | Wardeh Elias      |
| Chief Safety Officer:               | Hasan Hamod       |
| Safety Officers                     | Fadi Dib          |
|                                     | Haitham Khoudari  |
|                                     | Firas Al Nakib    |
|                                     | Adib Adamo        |
| Chief Marshal:                      | Mohammed Tinawi   |
| Asst. Chief Marshals:               | Mohannad Assadi   |
|                                     | Bassel Daghistani |
| Service Parks Manager:              | Mazen Morad       |
| Chief Scrutineer:                   | Terry Plant       |

Asst Chief Scrutineer:  
 Competitors Relations Officer:  
 Chief Media & Press Officer  
 Media & Press Officer (English)  
 Chief Medical Officer:  
 Asst. Chief Medical Officer:  
 Chief Rescue Officer:  
 Results Officer:  
 Route Verification (0) Car:  
 Route Verification (00) Car:  
 Route Sweeper (000) Car  
 Equipment Officers:

Omar Allagah,  
 Sari Mahli  
 Loutfi Estwani  
 Neil Perkins  
 Dr. Samer Khodor  
 Dr. Firas Outhman  
 Dr. Haitham Farahat  
 Peter Silberberg  
 Asem Aref (Jor)  
 Omar ElBasha (SYR)  
 Taleb Abou Hareb (SYR)  
 Moh'd Tinawi  
 Saleem Hammami  
 Raed Sulaibi

Public Relations & Hotel Accommodation

### 3. Entries

#### 3.1 Opening and closing dates

Opening date: Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008  
 Closing date: Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008

#### 3.2 Entry procedure

Those wishing to take part in the **2008 Syrian International Rally** must send the official entry form duly completed to the rally secretariat by the close of entries to the following address:

Syrian Automobile Club  
 Rue 29 Mai, Damascus.  
 P.O. Box 3364, Damascus

Syria

Tel: +963 11 232 3706

FAX: +963 11 231 2785

E-mail: [sport@syrianautomobileclub.com](mailto:sport@syrianautomobileclub.com)

Website: [www.syrianrally.com](http://www.syrianrally.com) / [www.syrianautomobileclub.com](http://www.syrianautomobileclub.com)

Details concerning the Co-driver should be lodged prior to administrative checks on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008.

If this application is sent by fax or E-mail, the original entry form must reach the Organiser no later than one week after the close of entries, duly signed by entrant, driver and co-driver **accompanied by the entry fees.**

After receiving the entry form, the Organiser will send to the Competitor a written acknowledgement of receipt. This does not imply that the entry has been accepted.

Driver and co-driver must hold authority from their National Sporting Authority to take part in the Syrian International Rally either by specific written authority from their ASN authority or stated on the International competition licences or obtain its stamp on the entry form.

Any person or legal entity holding FIA International Competitors' licence valid for the current year is eligible. Where the competitor is a legal entity, or in any case not part of the crew, the first driver named on the entry form will be held solely responsible for all the liabilities and obligations of the competitor, throughout the driving time.

The driver assumes the competitor's responsibility when the latter is not on board the vehicle.

Any incorrect, fraudulent or unsporting action carried out by the Competitor or members of the crew will be judged by the Stewards of the Meeting who will impose penalties which may go as far as exclusion.

### 3.3 Number of entrants accepted and classes.

The maximum number of entries is 60. Attention is drawn to article 74 of the International Sporting Code relating to the Organiser's rights to refuse an entry.

#### **Cars are split into the following cubic capacity classes:**

##### **Production Cars Group "N"**

- Class N1 - up to and including 1400 cc.
- Class N2 - over 1400 cc up to and including 1600 cc.
- Class N3 - over 1600 cc up to and including 2000 cc
- Class N4 - over 2000 cc "including Super 2000 cars".

##### **Touring Cars Group "A"**

- Class A5 - up to and including 1400 cc.
- Class A6 - over 1400 cc up to and including 1600 cc.
- Class A7 - over 1600 cc up to and including 2000 cc

1600cc -up to 1600cc (2wd) normally aspirated engines, group A&N  
 Super 1600 cars Homologated as kit cars, where the capacity is between 1400-1600cc and comply with article 255-6.2 "weight" of appendix J.  
 Super 2000 cars.  
 Supercharged diesel powered cars with normal cylinder capacity of less than 2000cm3 are accepted in Group A and N.

Cars entered in a Group containing less than 5 (five) cars will compete for the General Classification only. If less than 3 (three) cars are entered in a class, then this class will be amalgamated with the next higher class in its group. If there are less than 3 (three) cars in any class, then no class award will be given.

### 3.4 Entry Fees

The entry fees include: one set of Road Books, 2 Rally Guide, 2 Service Vehicle plates ,6 service crew passes , 1 Team Manager pass , 2 Crew passes ,and one Auxiliary plate for each entry.

With the optional advertising proposed by the organisers:

	<b><u>PRIVATE</u></b>	<b><u>OTHER</u></b>
Entered before 24:00 hrs. on Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	US\$ 500	US\$ 1,000
Entered before 24:00 hrs. on Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2008	US\$ 800	US\$ 1,600

Without the optional advertising proposed by the organisers:

	US\$ 750	US\$ 1,500
Entered before 24:00 hrs. on Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	US\$ 750	US\$ 1,500
Entered before 24:00 hrs. on Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2008	US\$ 1,200	US\$ 2,400

For the contents of the various packages, please refer to Rally Guide.

Please refer to Appendix VI for the definition of a Private Entry.

### 3.5 Payment

The entry application will only be accepted if accompanied by the **full entry fees, which is not refundable**, or by a receipt issued by the Competitors National Sporting Authority. Any entry form not fully completed or which is not covered by full payment of the fees will be refused.

The entry fee must be paid by a bank transfer in USD to the organiser's bank account. All Expenses and transfer charges shall be paid by the competitor.

**To:** Syrian Automobile Club  
**Bank:** Commercial Bank of Syria / Branch No. 6  
**Account No.:** 201211/307024  
**Swift Code No.:** CMSYSYDADA6  
**Address:** Damascus, Syria

### 3.6 Refunds

Entry fees will be refunded in full:

- To candidates whose entry has not been accepted.
- In the case of the rally not taking place.

The organizers may refund 50% of the entry fee to those competitors who, for reasons of force majeure (duly certified as such by their ASN), were unable to start the rally.

## 4. Insurance

As part of the entry fee, competitors will receive limited cover for civil liability towards third parties in accordance with the traffic laws of the Syrian Arab Republic. This cover will come into effect at the start of the Rally and will include only special stages. It will cease at the end of the Rally or at the moment of retirement, exclusion or disqualification.

For road sections, competing cars should be insured by the competitor, no responsibility being imputable to the Organizers.

It is obligatory for competitors to carry normal Traffic Liability Insurance as required by Syrian laws. Competitors from outside Syria should get this insurance at the Syrian borders while entering the car; **competitors have to certify their insurance during Registration for Reconnaissance.**

The general conditions of the policy will mainly stipulate that the coverage is granted up to an amount of 700,000 s.p. (about 14,300\$) per accident, as far as bodily injuries or death is concerned.

In case of an accident, competitors or their representative must report the incident in writing to the Organizer, latest within twelve hours. In case of a recovery service being used either in a special stage or on road section, expenses will be incurred by the competitor.

The service vehicles, even those bearing special plates issued by the organizer will not be considered as official participants of the rally. They are therefore not covered by the insurance policy of the rally and all risks remain under the sole responsibility of their owners.

Similarly, reconnaissance cars used by competitors during reconnaissance, even if bearing special plates and the event's stickers, should be insured by the competitor, no responsibility being imputable to the organizers.

If a driver taking part in a rally is involved in an accident in which a member of the public sustains physical injury, the driver concerned must report the incident at the next radio point specified in the road book. If this rule is not observed, the stewards of the meeting may impose a penalty, which may extend to exclusion from the rally.

**In case of any medical requirement for any of the drivers or co drivers participating in the Syrian rally 2008 all expenses should be carried by the competitors them selves .**

## 5. Advertising & Identification Numbers

### 5.1 Advertising:

- a) Advertising is permitted on the car, including the roof. Advertising on windows is prohibited.
- b) Advertising of alcoholic or tobacco products or any advertising that is prohibited by the Syrian law or which may cause offence is not permitted.
- c) Competitors who accept the organisers optional advertising must reserve on each side of the car 2 (A4) size spaces as indicated in the diagram displayed **under Appendix III**, details of which will be announced in a bulletin.



## 5.2 Identification Numbers:

The Organisers will provide each crew with the following, which must be affixed, to their car in the stated manner:

- a) For the front: one plate fitting into a rectangle 43 cm wide x 21.5 cm high including a 1 cm white surrounded.
- b) For the rear: a transparent sticker fitting into a rectangle 30 cm wide by 10 cm high, this panel shall be positioned at the top of the rear window centred.
- c) One set of two rectangular front door panels, 67 cm wide x 17 cm high. No signage, other than the colour of the car, shall be placed within 10 cm of the panel.
- d) One rectangular panel of the (50 x 52) placed on the roof with the top towards the front of the car.
- e) Two numbers for each rear side window of 25 cm high with a stroke width of 25mm width, these numbers shall be placed at the top of the rear side windows in conjunction with the drivers name
- f) Driver and co-driver's name must appear as indicated in (9.2.1 and 9.2.2 )
- g) Two sets of two (A4) size plates organisers optional advertisement (not obligatory)
- h) For each missing plate a fine US\$ 250. - must be paid to organizers.

## 6. Tyres

- 6.1 For all competitors, tyre change is permitted only in type I or type II service parks.
- 6.2 Tyre marking will take place immediately after the refuelling zone at the exit of each Service Park. The appropriate FIA signs will identify the tyre-marking zone. Checking of tyre marks will take place at the arrival TC at each Service Park or any where during the event.

## 7. Fuel

- 7.1 Distribution during the rally
  - 7.1.1 Competitors may only refuel in the refuel zones designated by the organiser in the road book except as detailed in (7.1.9 and 7.1.10).
  - 7.1.2 These refuel zones will be established immediately after the exit from service parks. Their entry/exit shall be marked by a blue fuel pump symbol.
  - 7.1.3 Any action inside a refuelling zone not directly involved in the refuelling of the competing car is prohibited.
  - 7.1.4 In the refuelling zone, a 5 km/h speed limit will apply.
  - 7.1.5 It is recommended that mechanics wear fire-resistant clothing.
  - 7.1.6 The responsibility for refuelling rests entirely with the crew and team members of the competing car.
  - 7.1.7 Engines must be switched off throughout the refuelling operation.
  - 7.1.8 It is recommended that the crew remain outside the car during refuelling; however, should they remain inside at their own risk; the safety belts must be unfastened.
  - 7.1.9 When necessary as part of service (i.e. changing a fuel tank or pump) emptying and /or Refuelling is permitted in a service park provided that:
    - Work is carried out under supervision of a marshal.
    - No other work is carried out on the car during emptying and/or refilling operation.
    - A suitable safety perimeter is established around the car.
    - Two fire marshals or team personnel are present with fire extinguishers suitable for use on flammable liquids.
    - Only sufficient fuel is added to reach the next refuel zone.
  - 7.1.10 The organisers may make provision for additional points for refuelling. These additional points for refuelling shall only be set up along the route, in service stations. In these areas any kind of servicing is prohibited - except for refuelling the car.
  - 7.1.11 The use of **AVGAS** is permitted. Super Unleaded fuel is widely available in Syria.
  - 7.1.12 In the event of a breakdown, the car concerned must be pushed out of the zone without incurring a penalty. An external battery may be used immediately after the exit of the zone.

## 8. Reconnaissance

### 8.1 Procedure for registration

- 8.1.1 The reconnaissance time table, reconnaissance time cards and the fitting of GPS monitoring equipment will be available from the Rally Office at Sheraton Ma'aret Hotel, Saydnaya at Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 16.00 – 19.00.
- 8.1.2 When registering for the reconnaissance one of the crewmembers must be present to sign an indemnity, register the details of the reconnaissance car, mobile telephone numbers and contact details of the place of resident.
- 8.1.3 Reconnaissance car identification numbers must be attached to the front windscreen (top centre) and on the right and left rear side windows. They must be kept visible for the duration of the reconnaissance period.
- 8.1.4 Crews are authorized to drive a maximum of 2 (two) times through each Special stage during the Reconnaissance period in accordance with the timetable shown in the Rally Guide. Only a total of 2 passes will be permitted When a Special Stage is used more than once in the same configuration.

### 8.2 Schedule.

Reconnaissance will take place according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Individual SS times will be shown in Recce Time Card

### 8.3 Specific regulations

- 8.3.1 It is emphasized that reconnaissance is not practice. The competitors must drive in a manner that does not endanger or cause inconvenience to traffic or people living near the stages. All road traffic laws of Syria must be strictly complied with and the safety of other road users must be respected.
- 8.3.2 Crews will not be allowed to drive in the opposite direction of the rally route on special stages.
- 8.3.3 Crews are required to present their Reconnaissance time card at the Start and Finish of all Special Stages. Cars will only be permitted to enter and leave the special stages through the Start and Finish controls.
- 8.3.4 The presence of any entrant and/or crewmember entered in the Rally on any part of a Special Stage, in any way whatsoever, is considered as Reconnaissance. Reconnaissance outside the schedule set by the Organisers is considered as a very serious offence and will be reported to the Stewards, who may apply penalties at their discretion.
- 8.3.5 Reconnaissance will start on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at 08.30 and will finish on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 15.30. This regulation applies to all crews. If, outside the scheduled times, any crew and/or competitor is found on any part of any Special Stage to be used in the Rally, he or she will be reported to the Stewards. If this involved a Syrian licensed driver, he or she will be subject to national suspension. In the case of a foreign licensed crew/competitor, he or she will be reported to the respective ASN which will take appropriate action.
- 8.3.6 All Reconnaissance for all crews will only be carried out using series production cars of two or four wheel drive. Reconnaissance cars must be covered by insurance as required by the laws of Syria. No responsibility being imputable to the Organisers.
- 8.3.7 The maximum speed limit of 60 km/h is imposed on all special stages during Reconnaissance unless the Organisers introduce a lower speed limit. Speed will be monitored by GPS tracking devices carried by all reconnaissance cars.
- 8.3.8 Any infringement of the reconnaissance regulations will be reported to the Stewards who may impose penalties under article 152 of the FIA International Sporting Code. Furthermore, the Stewards may report the Competitors concerned to the FIA for possible further sanctions.
- 8.4 **Registration, Fitment of tracking and speed control devices.**
- 8.4.1 Registration for Reconnaissance will take place as stated in the Rally Guide. At that time reconnaissance number plates, time cards and time schedules will be issued.

- 8.4.2 A system of monitoring the speed, routing and position of reconnaissance cars during reconnaissance of all special stages by means of GPS tracking devices will be used. Details and times for the fitting of these tracking units will be contained in an information Bulletin.

## 9. Administrative Check

- 9.1 Location: The administrative checks will take place at Rally HQ, Rally Office, Sheraton Ma'aret Saydnaya. All documents must be presented as required.  
Both crewmembers must be present during the administrative checks.
- 9.2 Time: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at 18.00 – 21.00 according to individual time table issued in Rally Guide, under penalty of a US\$ 500 fine.
- 9.3 Documents to be presented
- Drivers' & Co-drivers' competition and driving licences
  - Competitor/Entrant licence
  - Drivers' medical certificates of aptitude
  - Authorisation for the drivers by their ASN to take part in the rally
  - Rally car's insurance cover towards the third parties valid for Syria
  - Rally car's registration papers
  - Correctness of all information given in the entry form

## 10. Scrutineering, Sealing and Marking

- 10.1 **Location:** Scrutineering, marking and sealing will take place at Nissan Service centre, Road description from Rally HQ will be available in Rally Guide.
- 10.2 **Time:** Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 07.00 – 13.00 according to timetable issued at the Administrative checks.
- 10.3 **Specific national regulations conforming to FIA Regulations.**
- Driver and Co-driver must attend Scrutineering.
  - Cars must be presented to the scrutineers with the rally plates and competition numbers affixed. Optional advertising shall also be affixed.
- Crews arriving late:**
- |                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Up to 30 minutes delay        | 50 US\$  |
| From 30 minutes up to 1 hours | 100 US\$ |
| Per additional hour           | 100 US\$ |
- Crews arriving late at scrutineering shall be fined as follows:
  - The control of the driver's helmets and equipment will take place at the scrutineering.
  - The installed extinguishing systems and manual extinguishers of the competing cars will have to comply with the regulations of appendix j of the FIA (art. 253.7) and are compulsory for both groups A and N according to prescriptions of the same article.
  - A first aid kit, and reflecting triangle are to be used as warning for following cars in the event of road blockages, therefore it's obligatory in every car.
  - Infractions may be subject to the penalty of refusal to start.
- 10.4 Permitted modifications:**
- 10.4.1 a. The air intake may be enlarged by means of a snorkel for the engine of Group A, Group N, Super 2000 and Super 1600 cars. according to (Appendix J, Article 255 - 5.1.8).
- 10.4.2 **Under-body protection** is permitted
- 10.4.3 **Lighting**

Additional forward facing headlamps may be fitted in accordance with Appendix J of the International Sporting Code.

#### 10.4.4 **Mud flaps**

Mud-dust flaps, which conform to Article 252, 7.7 Appendix J, may be fitted.

#### 10.4.5 **2-Way Radios**

2-Way radios are not permitted.

#### 10.4.6 **Windows**

The use of silvered or tinted film complying with Article 253, 11 of Appendix J is authorised on the side or rear windows.

## 11. Features of the Rally

### 11.1 **Publication of starting lists**

Location: Official Notice Board at Rally Office

Time: Leg 1, Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 21.00

Leg 2 Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 21.00

### 11.2 **Official and Ceremonial start**

Location: Aljahez Garden Sq., Abu Roumaneh, Damascus

Time: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 18.00

### 11.3 **Start area / start parc fermé**

All competing cars are required to enter the start parc fermé not later than 17.15 Hours on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008. A penalty of US 50. - Per minute will be imposed for late arrival. The crewmembers do not have to be present when the car enters the start parc fermé.

### 11.4 **Time Card Change during the Rally**

The Time Card Will is issued at the following Time Controls:

Book No.	Issued at	Location	Issued by	Collect Point	Location	Collected by	Deliver to
<b>LEG 1</b>				<b>LEG 1</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>TC 0</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 1 A</b>	<b>Parc Ferme In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>TC 1 B</b>	<b>Parc Ferme out</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 2 A</b>	<b>Service in</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>TC 2 A</b>	<b>Service In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 6 A</b>	<b>Regroup in</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>TC 6 B</b>	<b>Service In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 9 A</b>	<b>Service in</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>TC 9 A</b>	<b>Service In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 12 A</b>	<b>Service in</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>TC 12 A</b>	<b>Service In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 13 A</b>	<b>Parc Ferme In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>LEG 2</b>				<b>LEG 2</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>TC 13 B</b>	<b>Parc Ferme out</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 14 A</b>	<b>Service in</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>TC 14 A</b>	<b>Service In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 18 A</b>	<b>Regroup in</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>TC 18 B</b>	<b>Service In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 22 A</b>	<b>Service in</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>TC 22 B</b>	<b>Service In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC 23 A</b>	<b>Parc Ferme In</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>TC 23 B</b>	<b>Parc Ferme out</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>TC24</b>	<b>Finish Ramp</b>	<b>Post Ch.</b>	<b>Results OFF.</b>

**11.5 Starting system of special stages**

11.5.1 Cars will start all road sections and special stages at two (2) minute intervals.

Official Time throughout the rally will be the Rally Office clock, which is calibrated from GPS.

11.5.2 Starting system is as follows:

An automatic start system will be used that is driven by a GPS time source.

The system will operate as follows:

Once a start sequence has been initiated by the start official, the three (3) yellow lights will flash at a rate of approximately one flash per second.

**30-seconds before the START**-The flashing yellow lights will go off and one (1) yellow light will light up

**15-seconds before the START**- Two (2) yellow lights will light up

**10-seconds before the START**-Three (3) yellow lights will light up

**5-seconds before the START**-All yellow lights will go out and one (1) red light will light up

**4-seconds before the START**-Two (2) red lights will light up

**3-seconds before the START**-Three (3) red lights will light up

**2-seconds before the START**-Four (4) red lights will light up

**1-second before the START**-Five (5) red lights will light up

**START**-All Red Lights will go off. Two (2) green lights will light up

**START ABORT** - Five solid red lights, three yellow flashing lights

A diagram explaining the above will be in Appendix VII of these Regulations

A false start will be detected by a beam placed at a distance of 20 to 40 cms. after the start line.

**11.5.3 Starting order**

The starting order of the 1<sup>st</sup> leg is established as follows:

\*Series 1: FIA Priority Drivers \_ Priority A

\*Series 2: FIA Priority Drivers \_ Priority B

\*Series 3: All the other entrants following a starting order left to the discretion of the Organisers.

The starting order for the subsequent legs is based on the classification determined at the finish special stage of the previous leg.

**11.6 Early check-in at the end of a leg**

The crews may report before their due time at the Final Time Control of Leg 1 and Leg 2 without incurring any penalty.

**11.7 Identification of officials**

The Post Chief and other Officials will be identified as follows:

SS-Commander	-	Orange Vest
Post Chief	-	Orange Vest
Time Keepers	-	Yellow Vest
Marshals	-	Yellow Vest
Safety Officials	-	Green Vest
Doctors	-	Uniform
Competitors' Relations Officer	-	Blue Vest

**11.8 Any crew**, which is forced to retire from the rally at any point, must inform the event officials of such action as soon as possible by handing in the retirement form or the time card books at the nearest control point. Any team failing to follow either of these procedures will be subject to the imposition of a fine equivalent to US 250. -

**11.9 Special Spectator Stage**

There is no Special Spectator Stage in the Rally

**11.10 Super Rally Regulations**

11.10.1 Any crew that has involuntarily retired in Leg 1 may re-start the rally from the start of Leg 2. However, the crew will be penalized at the rate of 10 minutes for every stage not completed in Leg 1, added to the fastest time achieved in the same group/class.

11.10.2 Should retirement occur after the last special stage of Leg 1, the crew concerned will nonetheless be deemed to have missed that last special stage and the penalties stated in article 11.4.1 above will apply.

11.10.3 The Stewards shall have the right to position any car that retired on Leg 1, at the start of Leg 2, at their discretion on the grounds of safety, considering their estimated speeds and stage times in order to maintain as far as possible, an adequate gap between them and other cars. Total penalty times for leg 1 alone, including cars that have been penalized by Super Rally rules, will not form the basis for restart positions for Leg 2.

11.10.4 Any crew that deliberately retires on Leg 1 with the perceived intention of gaining an advantage in order to better its position for Leg 2 will be judged by the Stewards who may not permit the re-start. The Stewards may apply sanctions against the entrant and/or crew concerned in accordance with article 141 of the Code.

11.10.5 All crew that retired on Leg 1 will be assumed to restart Leg 2 under the Super Rally regulations unless they formally indicate in writing that they wish to withdraw from the event.

11.10.6 Any car wishing to re-start must be serviced only in the Rally Service Park. After such a car has retired, the vehicle must remain where it has retired until permission has been received from the Clerk of the Course to remove it directly to the Service Park.

11.10.7 Servicing of retired cars must respect the conditions of Article 12 of the General Prescriptions. Any car that has retired may, however, be towed or transported from the point of retirement to the Service Park, but only after permission to do so has been given by the clerk of the course.

11.10.8 Any car that will restart in Leg 2 under the Super Rally regulations must be re-scrutineered before the start.

11.10.9 The car may be serviced for up to 2 consecutive hours in addition to the 45 minutes service at the end of Leg 1. However, all cars must be returned to the parc fermé before the start of Leg 2 at least 4 hours before the start of that leg.

11.10.10 A special time card will be issued at the exit from the parc ferme to monitor the removal of cars, the time taken for repairs and subsequent return.

11.10.11 To be classified in a rally, any competitor must finish the last day.

**11.11 Judges of Fact**

11.11.1 Judges of Fact will patrol all road sections of the rally route to monitor compliance with regulations that prohibit service or the presence of team personnel within 1 km. of the rally cars except where specifically stated and any breach will be subject to

exclusion. Such Judges of Fact may be mobile and may move along the rally route. Judges of Fact will be present at designated filling stations where refuelling is permitted to monitor that only fuel is added to rally cars. All such judges of fact will be named on the official notice board.

#### **11.12 Tracking system**

All competing cars will be fitted with GPS data recording devices that will give an exact GPS, trace of the position of the competing cars during the running of special stages. On special stages there will be no tolerance or allowance from straying from the centre line of the route as determined by the organizers.

A trace of the movement of all competing cars will be superimposed on the centre line of the special stage route, and any car that deviates from this may be subject to a penalty of 10 (ten) minutes which will be imposed by the stewards upon the proposal of the clerk of the course after examination of the circumstances of the infringement. Recording of the trace of all cars during the rally will be live.

In open terrain rallies the exact route of all special stages must be clearly marked in order to avoid any possibility of straying, accidental or otherwise.

Any attempt to tamper with the data recording devices, or any device that fails to record a trace due to interference by the crew or other persons, will be reported to the Stewards, who may impose a penalty which may go as far as exclusion.

#### **11.13 Accident Reporting**

If a driver taking part in a rally is involved in an accident in which a member of the public sustains physical injury, the driver concerned must report this to the next radio point as specified in the road book and signposted on the route. If he fails to observe this rule, the Stewards may impose on the crew responsible a penalty that may go as far as exclusion. The laws of the country in which the event is run must also be complied with in relation to procedures at accidents.

#### **11.14 Miscellaneous**

11.14.1 Should circumstances so warrant, Schedule Times, Target Times and Maximum Lateness may be modified during the Event with the approval of the stewards.

11.14.2 The official language used throughout the Event shall be English in accordance with international practice. In the event of any official documents being written in any language in addition to English, the English version shall be taken as official if there is any difference in the translation.

11.14.3 Competitors are responsible for their own hotel accommodation reservations before, during and after the Event and the payment of any costs that may be incurred relating to the same. However, on request, assistance will be given to make the hotel reservation and to obtain the best possible room rates. Due to the busy time of the year, one-month notice is required if organisers assistance needed.

11.14.4 Competitors are responsible for clearing their own cars and spare parts through customs. Where possible, assistance may be given. However, at least a 14 days notice should be given if any assistance is required.

11.14.5 Visas are required by most nationalities to enter Syria. Competitors requiring assistance in obtaining a visa must give at least a 15 days notice prior to their day of arrival. Assistance cannot be guaranteed if this notice is not received in time.

11.14.6 Any entrant who would not continue and withdraws from the competition for any reason, hotel entitlement will stop as from the time of retirement.

- 11.14.7 In order to facilitate the Administrative checks, all entrants are requested to fax or email the following documents listed in the box at least two weeks prior to the event start. All originals of those can be delivered one-week prior to start of the event.

	Documentation	Scrutineering
a. Car registration documents	✓	✓
b. Third party insurance certificate (at border)	✓	✓
c. Driving-license of each crew member	✓	✓
d. FIA International Competitors license for entrant and both drivers	✓	
e. ASN approval of foreign competitors (if the entry form has not been stamped)	✓	
f. Permission from the owner to use his/her vehicle in the case he/she is not a crewmember.	✓	
g. Homologation forms & appendices for vehicles in FIA Group N, A or B (not a photocopy)	✓	✓
h. Crash helmets.		✓
i. In accordance with chapter II, article 1.6 of Appendix L, Medical Certificate of aptitude must accompany all International Licenses.	✓	

## 12. Safety Cars

Safety Cars or (Gravel cars) are not allowed in the Syrian Int. Rally.

## 13. Prizes

### 13.1 Prize-giving

The prize-giving ceremony will take place upon arrival of first car at the finish on the ramp on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008, 15.30 at Rally HQ, Sheraton Ma'aret, Saydnaya.

### 13.2 Prizes

Awards and Prizes:

General Classification:

- 1<sup>st</sup> overall - Two trophies
- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall - Two trophies
- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall - Two trophies
- 4<sup>th</sup> overall - Two trophies
- 5<sup>th</sup> overall - Two trophies

Group Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> in Group A - Two trophies.
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Group N - Two trophies.

Class winners: - Two trophies

NOTE: Class awards will not be given:

- If less than 3 (three) cars are entered in a class and,
- If the winner of a class is also the winner of the Group.

Best 1600 cc, 2-wd Group A & N car with normally aspirated engine award.

Highest placed crew - Two trophies



Best Syrian National crew (at least the driver should be Syrian)  
Highest placed crew - Two trophies

Private entrants (subject to definition stated in Appendix V of this Regulation)  
Highest placed crew - Two trophies

Best Ladies team (both crew members being female)  
Highest placed crew - Two trophies

Best Novice: (Both crew members participating in their first international rally.)  
Highest placed crew - Two trophies

## **14. Final Checks and Protests**

### **14.1 Final Scrutineering**

Location: Rally HQ, Saydnaya

Time: Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 17.30

Request for Final Scrutineering will be given to the competitors chosen by the Stewards. The cars will be driven from the parc fermé to the Scrutineering by the Driver or a Team representative duly designated, accompanied by a representative of the Organiser. A sufficient amount of mechanics with tools must follow each chosen car, should the scrutineers wish to dismantle the car.

### **14.2 Protests**

#### **14.2.1 Protest fees**

The protest fee shall be US\$ 500. – Which will be refunded if the protest is upheld (Art 172 of the ISC).

#### **14.2.2 Protest involving the whole car**

There will be no protest allowed which involves the whole car.

#### **14.2.3 Additional deposit**

If the protest requires the dismantling and the re-assembly of different parts of a car, the claimant must pay an additional deposit.

The sum of US\$ 2500. - For each part if the protest involves a clearly defined part of the car (engine, transmission, steering, breaking system, electrical installation, body, etc.)

The expenses incurred by the work and by the transport of the vehicle shall be borne by the claimant on top of above amount if the protest is unfounded, or by the competitor against whom the protest is lodged if the claim is upheld.

If the protest is unfounded, and if the expenses incurred by the protest (Scrutineering, transport etc.) are higher than the deposit amount, the difference shall be borne by the claimant. Conversely, if the expenses are less, the difference shall be refunded to them.

#### **14.2.4 Appeal fee**

The ASN appeal fee for national appeal is set at US\$ 1000. 00

The FIA appeal fee for an international appeal is set at €6000.00.

**APPENDIX I**

**Itinerary**

**TBA in Rally Guide.**

## **APPENDIX II**

### **Reconnaissance Schedule**

**Reconnaissance will take place according to the following schedule:**

**TBA in Rally Guide.**

## APPENDIX III

### COMPETITORS RELATIONS OFFICER

COMPETITORS' RELATION OFFICERS:

**Mr. Sari Mahli**



### PRINCIPAL MISSIONS

Inform the competitors and play a mediating role at all times.

This post must be entrusted to an official in possession of a license issued by his ASN as it implies certain knowledge of the general regulations. He may attend the meeting of the panel of the Steward of the Meeting in order to keep abreast of all the decisions taken.

The competitors' relation officer must be able to be easily identified by the competitor.

To this end it is advised that:

1. He/she wears very conspicuous Blue color tabard.
2. He/she is introduced to the competitors at the driver's briefing.
3. His/her photograph is included in the supplementary regulations or in a bulletin.

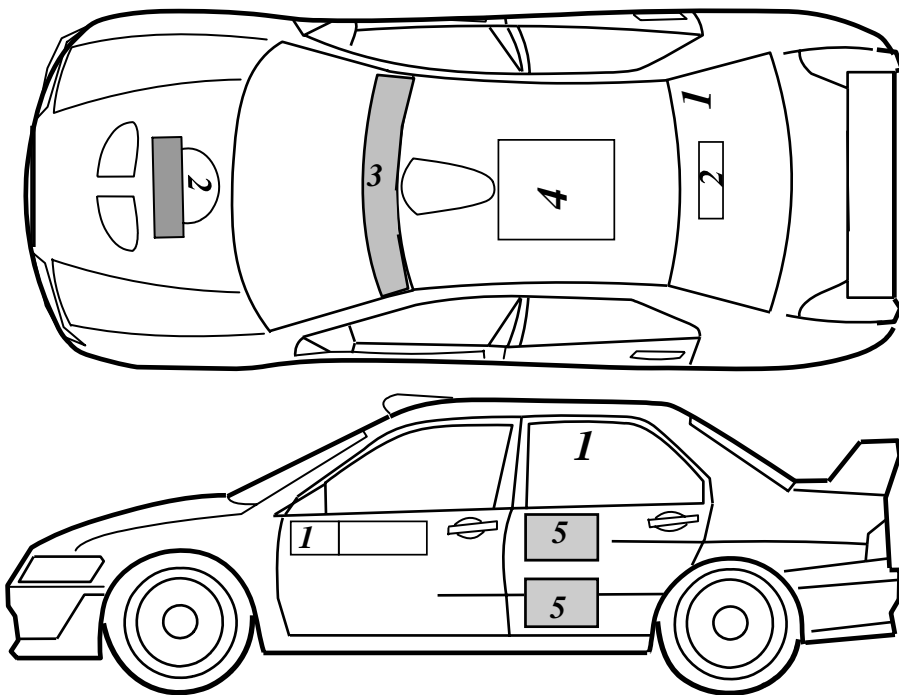
### PRESENCE DURING THE RALLY

When the Secretariat is opened, he should have the Secretary of the Meeting draft a schedule of his duties which shall be posted on the notice board of the event and which shall include:

- At the rally Office	-	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	18.00 – 21.00
- During Scrutineering	-	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> June	07.00 – 13.00
- At the starting zone	-	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> June	17.00 – 19.30
- At the regrouping halts – leg1	-	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> June	
- At the regrouping halts – leg2	-	Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	
- At the Parc Ferme at the end of leg 1	-	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> June	
- At the Parc Ferme at the end of leg 2	-	Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	

## APPENDIX IV

## Competitors Numbers and Advertising

**Obligatory:**





















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|----|-------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1. | Two competition car no. | : | 67 x 17 cm         |
| 2. | Rally plates            | : | 43 x 21.5 cm front |
|    |                         | : | 30 x 10 cm rear    |
| 3. | Windshield plate        | : | 150 x 10 cm.       |
| 4. | One roof panel          | : | 52 x 52 cm.        |

**Optional:**

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|---|---------------------|
| 5 | Two A4 size panels. |
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## APPENDIX V RALLY CONTROL SIGNS

(Diameter of signs approximately 70 cm.)

DIRECTION	TYPE OF CONTROL	CONTROL ZONE		
→	Passage Control (Judge of Fact)	Beginning of Control 	Judge of Fact (non stop if in SS) 	End of Control 
→	Refuelling Zone	Start of Zone 	End of Zone 	
→	Time Control		Time Control 	
→	Time Control and SS start		Time Control 	SS Start 
→	SS Radio communication point		Radio point 	
→	SS Safety point		Safety point 	
→	End of SS		SS flying finish  Non stop	
→	Tyre Marking	TYRE MARKING 	TYRE CHECKING 	

## APPENDIX VI

### DEFINITION OF A PRIVATE ENTRY

For an entry for the Syrian International Rally to be considered as a private entry, all of the following conditions must be complied with:

1. The car entered must be personal property of one of the crewmembers and the car licence must be in his / her name.
2. The car must not be registered or licenced in the name of a company or any other person.
3. The entry form must be made in the name of one of the crewmembers, not in the name of a sponsor or any commercial organisation.
4. The entrant's competition licence must be in the name of one of the crewmembers.
5. Letters of authorization from any third party approving the use of the car. Other than legalised sales papers dated more than three months before the date of the rally, will not be considered.

Unless ALL of the above mentioned conditions are met, the entry will not be considered as a private.

## Appendix VII

## Start Light Sequence



START ABORT  
RED ON SOLID  
YELLOW FLASHING



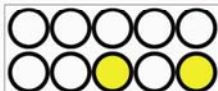
STANDBY



PREPARE TO START  
YELLOW FLASHING  
START CYCLE  
RUNNING



30-SECONDS



15-SECONDS



10-SECONDS



5-SECONDS



4-SECONDS



3-SECONDS



2-SECONDS



1-SECOND



START